

BOYLSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
599 Main Street
Boylston, MA. 01505

Permit No.: 21-

OPEN AIR BURNING PERMIT
(Valid January 15 through May 1, 2021)

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Date Issued: _____

Under the provisions of Chapter 48, section 13 of the M.G.L., and within regulations established by 310 CMR Section 7.07, a PERMIT for residential open air burning is granted by the Boylston Fire Department.

I have received a copy of the 'Open Burning Regulations' and will comply with the provisions.

Applicant Name: _____
(please print)

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Street Address: _____

Applicant Phone No.: _____

Fee: \$10.00 Payable to Town of Boylston

Amount Paid: _____ *Check No.:* _____

Received By: _____

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RULES FOR OPEN AIR BURNING

-Open Air Burning is allowed from JANUARY 15th through May 1st at the discretion of the Fire Chief or his designee. In order to burn you must first obtain an Open Air Burning Permit at the Fire Station at 599 Main St., and pay a one time seasonal non-refundable fee of \$10.00. ALL PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE BY CHECK ONLY.

-Once you have obtained your permit, it is valid throughout the Open Air Burning season. On a day that you wish to burn, you must **FIRST** email: **boylstonfirepermits@gmail.com** and list your permit number, name, address and a contact phone number. Please email prior to 10:00 on the day you want to burn. You may also call the fire station at (508) 869-2342, between the hours of 08:00-10:00 to activate your permit for the day. If burning is not allowed because of weather conditions, an auto-reply will be set up to respond to your email request to activate your permit for the day.

-Open air burning will be allowed from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The fire must be completely extinguished by 4:00 PM. Burn the fire down to coals and spread the coals with snow, water, sand or soil.

-Permit holders are allowed to burn brush smaller than four inches, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris. The burning of items such as building materials, grass, hay, leaves, stumps, tires and rubbish is not allowed.

-Materials must be burned on land proximate to the place of generation.

-The fire **MUST** be supervised at all times until the fire is completely extinguished.

-Fires must be set in a location greater than 75 feet from any building. Brush should be burned in small piles no larger than 4 ft X 4 ft X 3 ft in height. The area around the burn site must be clear of combustible materials to prevent spreading.

-Commercial burning is **NOT** allowed. This permit is not valid for lot or land clearing.

-The fire shall not cause a nuisance to neighbors or the general public.

-The Open Air Burning Permit does not release the permit holder from any liability from damages, including payment of Fire Department costs in the event that control of the fire is lost, or illegal burning requires extinguishments.

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- In case of heavy winds or otherwise dangerous conditions, this permit will become automatically invalid.
- The use of flammable liquids for the purpose of starting permit fires is PROHIBITED.
- This permit must be available while burning and shall be shown to anyone who may request to see it.
- The Boylston Fire Department reserves the right to revoke any Open Air Burning Permit at any time.
- You should have a watering hose close by to keep the area around the permit fire wet down. If this is not possible, a shovel or other means of extinguishing the fire must be available.
- Open-air fires are subject to inspection by the Boylston Fire Department and / or the Department of Environmental Management.

**If the fire starts to burn out of control please call 911
immediately!**

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

Town of Boylston By-Law Section 20 – Burning Permits and Penalties

20.01 Any person that is directly or indirectly engaged in or allows open air burning without a burning permit issued by the Boylston Fire Chief or his designee, shall pay a fine of \$100 per incident and shall be responsible to compensate the Town for the entire costs and expenses and damages caused by the fire and by public safety response and control of the same.